

Scituate Harbor Advisory Redevelopment Commission (SHARC)
May 26, 2022
Minutes

The May 26, 2022 Zoom meeting of the Scituate Harbor Advisory Redevelopment Commission (SHARC) was called to order by Paul Bartkiewicz (Chair) at 7 PM.

Paul called the roll and confirmed the following:

Commissioners Present

Paul Bartkiewicz

Patrice Maye

Jennifer O'Neill

Craig Rosenquist

Corey Miles (Scituate Coastal Resources Officer)

Kyle Boyd (Scituate Director of Planning and Development)

Approval of minutes

Upon motion made and seconded, the Commissioners by unanimous roll call vote approved the meeting minutes for March 24, 2022.

Update on RFP for a design consultant

Corey Miles and Kyle Boyd reported that the Request for Qualifications/Proposal for consulting services for the design phase of The Park at Pier 44 (RFP) has been posted. Corey and Kyle reviewed the RFP (a copy of which had been provided to the Commissioners with the agenda for this meeting).

There will be an informational meeting for potential bidders at the Community Building at Pier 44 on June 1. Paul will attend this meeting on behalf of the Commission. Responses to the RFP are due on June 30, 2022. Paul and Patrice will serve on the Town's panel reviewing the responses to the RFP.

The Commissioners had a general discussion of the RFP process. Ed Dixon made comments regarding the interest of Scituate High School, including the Sailing Team, being able to use the Park for school-related activities.

Public outreach plan

Paul reviewed the public outreach plan and public outreach summary, which had been distributed with the agenda materials. The Commissioners had a general discussion of the public outreach plan.

Reports from Commissioners

The Commissioners reported that they have been keeping their respective liaison Commissions apprised of the status of the Park project.

Paul stated that the next Commission meeting will be scheduled when there is more information to present, which probably will follow receipt of bids on June 30.

Adjournment

Upon motion made and seconded, the Commissioners by unanimous roll call vote approved adjourning the meeting.

Paul adjourned the meeting at 7:23 PM.

Background Information on the Scituate High School Sailing Program

Brief Summary of Scituate High School Sailing Program:

- Established in 2013 as the SHS Sailing Club
- Upgraded to a Varsity sport in 2019
- 2020 Season Cancelled due to Covid-19
- Competes in the Mass Bay League (MBL)
- Season traditionally runs from Mid-March to Early-May
- Team usually consists of 10-14 Sailors

Community Partners:

- Scituate Recreation Department (Sharing of Boats & Floats)
- Satuit Boat Club (Team Locker Rooms & Storage Facility)
- Scituate Harbor Yacht Club (Meetings)
- Scituate Historical Society (Maritime Center Boat Shed)

Logistical Issues:

- Boat storage at Boat Shed (Scituate Maritime Center) **(RESOLVED)**
- Seasonal launching of boats and floats **(RESOLVED-ONGOING)**
- Seasonal permitting from MA Fish & Game (Jericho Ramp) **(RESOLVED)**
- Seasonal authorization from Harbormaster Office **(RESOLVED)**
- Off season storage of SHS Coach Boat (13' Whaler w/trailer) **(PENDING)**
- Off season storage of sails and racing gear **(UNRESOLVED)**

Synopsis:

The SHS Sailing Team is seeking the assistance of all pertinent Scituate Town Departments to help better streamline and support the logistical needs of the team. Along with our Community Partners we would appreciate input from The Waterways Commission, Harbormasters Office and Board of Selectpersons in selecting a storage facility for the coach boat and the seasonal launching of docks and floats at Jericho Ramp.

Also, we would like an opportunity to discuss the possibility of creating a more permanent facility for the SHS Sailing Team at the current site of Pier 44 on the harbor front. The team currently uses the Satuit Boat Club as a place to change into their drysuits and sailing gear, as well as the use of a couple of storage lockers for sails and equipment. They also require the use of restroom facilities and a place to seek shelter in case of inclement weather. The clubs main room also provides a place where the team can meet to discuss sailing techniques and strategy.

Though we appreciate the generosity of the club to allow us use of their facility, this is only afforded to us on a season by season basis. It would be much more efficient if the high school had a more permanent town owned facility. One that perhaps the SPS, and the community could use for more than just the needs of the sailing team.

In conclusion, I would like to point out that due to the unique needs of the Scituate High School Sailing Team, it does indeed require the assistance of our community partners and neighbors. Because unlike the other High School sports with their courts, ball fields and stadium, the harbor is our playing field. Which is an asset to the whole community, and one that our Sailors truly appreciate.

Edward Dixon – (Chairman)
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